



# Egremont News

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## Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a quarterly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. **If you wish to receive this newsletter via email please contact town hall - [tegrement@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:tegrement@egremont-ma.gov) or 413-528-0182.**

## Selectboard:

Spring has sprung in Egremont. But spring has not removed the threat of COVID-19. Even as many of us become fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask and social distance. Masks are available free at the Town Hall.

Town Hall remains closed to the public. Appointments can be made for an outdoor meeting if needed. Payments and documents can be left in either of two drop boxes located at the front and side door to Town Hall. Town boards and committees continue to meet virtually via zoom. All meeting notices and recordings of zoom meetings are posted on the town's web page at [www.egremont-ma.gov](http://www.egremont-ma.gov). Tax payments can easily be made online.

Engineering for the Route 23/41 reconstruction projects continues, with the final design being put out for construction bids in January of 2022. MassDOT was able to receive additional funding for a lighting project that will allow the use of historically aesthetic lighting at the crosswalks, intersections and the entry to the village on both ends. The current National Grid Cobra lights will be removed.

Annual Town Meeting is being delayed again this year to allow for an outdoor meeting at French Park on June 8, 2021 at 5pm.

Annual Town Election will take place on May 11, 2021 from 10am to 7pm at Town Hall. Absentee voting will be available prior to election date once the ballot is printed.

We are happy to announce that in September the Town will be receiving a handicapped van to be used for transportation for those who do not have their own transportation.

This opportunity was offered to Egremont when Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation closed. The Town will be seeking qualified drivers in the very near future.

There are 224 residents of Egremont who made a \$49 deposit for WiredWest that did not request a refund. Each of you was sent email or mail reminding you to request a refund but had no reply. WiredWest escheated their deposits to the state on 12/31/20. If you are one of the 224 you may claim your deposits at [findmassmoney.com](http://findmassmoney.com)

## Meet your town employees:

Brittany Walsh: Police Department  
Administrative Assistant.



Brittany was born and raised in Great Barrington, MA. She is a recent graduate of Elms College where she studied criminal justice and participated in a two-year internship at the Springfield Parole Office. Brittany enjoys running, good food, and socializing with friends.

**ECO-TIP**

Go to the Green Committee's website ([www.egremont-ma.gov/green.html](http://www.egremont-ma.gov/green.html)) for info on recycling and activities.

**French Park:**

After almost a year in which the Dog Park was closed, it has re-opened for Egremont residents only with strict COVID guidelines that will be enforced.

The Tennis Courts have re-opened by reservation only. The reservation forms are posted by the entry to the Courts.

The trails remain very active. Please **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOGS TO RUN LOOSE ON THE TRAILS**. This has been an ongoing issue not only on the trails, but throughout the park.

The Pollinator Garden was planted last fall near the upper ball field and dog park. It should be in full bloom in June/July. Please take a stroll down the path and enjoy.

Very soon construction will begin on the Broadband headend in the upper corner of the open field near the dog park. A new trail will extend from the roadway near the headend down to the Pollinator Garden and into the woods to connect with current trails.

Please follow COVID-19 guidelines while enjoying all areas of the park. Wear a mask at all times and social distance.

**Transfer Station:**

You may have noticed that our Transfer Station has become a very busy hub since the start of the pandemic.

Our attendant has reported some issues that we want to see if we can get corrected.

1 – You must have a transfer station decal. That can be obtained by contacting Town Hall at 528-0182 ext 17.

2 – Drive slowly and carefully – going up/down the driveway and when arriving/parking/leaving. We want every one to feel and be safe at our center.

3 – Please, please, please if you are bringing compost, it has to be put in the space between the concrete barriers. **DO NOT** just toss in front of the

barriers. Also, it's compost – **NO PLASTIC** – food waste only.

4 – Trash has to be **BAGGED**. No loose trash can be dumped in the Compactor.

5 – Egremont's recycling program must be adhered to. Your trash must be sorted in accordance with the program guidelines. These are posted at the center and on the town's web page. You can obtain details of the recycling program by calling Town Hall. The Town does get fined for failure to properly recycle.

6 – If you plan to browse the Swap Shop, please do not abandon your vehicle in front of the compactor and recycling bins. Be respectful to others needing to park and move your car out of the way.

7 – There is a fee for some items to be dumped. Please check with the attendant before dumping anything in the C&D and the Metals bins.

8 – And last, but maybe most important, be kind to our attendants. They are only doing their jobs. They did not make the rules, they just have to enforce them.

If in doubt as to whether something has to be separated, bagged, is not accepted, or to confirm if there is a fee for dumping the item, do not hesitate to call Town Hall.

Thank you for your compliance.

**ECO-TIP**

Still buying water in single-use plastic bottles? Get a durable, safe, and reusable water container. You'll be glad you did!

**Broadband Network Project:**

Fiber Connect and Massachusetts Broadband Institute continue toward final agreement. As we reported previously, the towns of Egremont and Monterey have approved their respective agreements with Fiber Connect. Since that time, FC and MBI have continued their efforts to conclude the state Grant Award Agreement that covers the state's payments to FC for construction of the remainder of the network. While the two towns are not directly involved in the negotiation of the FC-MBI agreement, we were called upon to certify the counts of residential properties in each of the towns so that an accurate calculation of "take-rates" could be made. "Take-rate" is the percentage of households that choose to subscribe to FC's Internet services. The FC-MBI Agreement requires a take-rate of at least 51% in each town in order

for FC to qualify for the state subsidy. In Egremont, the take-rate is well in excess of 60%, and we understand that Monterey now has a projected take-rate above 51%, counting existing subscribers plus sign-ups for service pending buildout of their remaining network infrastructure.

Utility pole license applications and Town grants of location well underway in Egremont. FC has submitted almost all remaining pole license applications that will be needed to complete buildout in Egremont. At a Select Board meeting on March 23, the Town approved FC's Grant of Location applications for new pole placements and for cable attachments on existing poles along Town rights of way. This paves the way for construction to begin as soon as the FC-MBI Agreement is finalized. The one area where additional planning and approval is still ongoing is the community at the top of Brookvale/Hilltop Roads in South Egremont. Cable access to these residences requires easements across state-owned land, including conservation land, and the process for obtaining necessary permits is more complicated and time-consuming.

#### **ECO-TIP**

Not all glass can be recycled. Put these into the trash: window glass, drinking glasses (including wine), candle-jar glass.

#### **News from the Council on Aging...**

We hope all of you who are eligible were able to get your Covid Vaccinations. If you're still having difficulty give us a call at 528-0182 x 16. Please remember that even if you have been vaccinated you still need to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and avoid large gatherings. We just received a large box of masks from the Office of Elder Affairs. If you are in need of some give us a call. Here are some tips for those who have been vaccinated:

- \*always keep the card you receive after you are vaccinated; it your proof that you have had a shot

- \*make a copy of your card; if possible have it laminated (Staples, among others will laminate them)

- \*take a picture of your card with your phone; that way it will always be with you

In case you haven't heard our Taxi Grant has been renewed! Starting April 1 you can arrange rides for medical appointments, physical therapy sessions, essential shopping trips, prescription drug pick ups, food deliveries and rides for essential personnel to get to their workplace. To arrange a ride please call 528-0182 x 16 Monday thru Friday between 9:00 – 4:00. It is so great to be able to continue this vital service.

Warmer weather and longer days mean that we are able to be out walking, running, etc. Help keep yourself safe and wear one of our "Be Seen, Be Safe" vests. The bright yellow color of the vest makes you visible to passing motorists. You can get your vest at the Town Hall or from the Police Department or by calling 528-0182 x 16

Spring also makes us think about gardening. As we age it's not as easy to maintain our gardens as it used to be. Some ideas to help you:

- \*look for plants that are resistant to weeds, that don't require too much pruning and can survive on a little neglect

- \*try growing your plants vertically or in raised beds; this is easier on your back and joints and puts less strain on your knees and spine

- \*try to garden early in the morning to avoid the heat of the day, wear lightweight, light colored long sleeve clothes, use sunscreen and keep water with you to drink

- \*take shade breaks every 15 minutes or so

- \*be sure to check for ticks after your time outdoors

- \*garden with your partner, a friend or your grandchildren; it makes the time go faster and it's more fun. Happy Gardening!

Do you live alone and would like to be able to check in with someone each day? Would you like to be sure your loved ones have a safe start to their day? If so, our "Good Morning Senior" program can help you out. Participants call in each morning between 9:00 and 10:00 and chat with one of our friendly volunteers. If you don't call in, we will call you. If no answer a police officer will be sent to your home to check on you. For more information give us a call 528-0182 x 16

Our "Grab 'N Go Lunches" will continue on Wednesdays April 7, May 5 and June 2. Pick up time is 12:00 – 12:30. More details as the dates get closer.

Please remember your COA is here to assist you. Give us a call with your questions, concerns, or to have a chat. 528-0182 x 16



"Spring is here. Snow and ice should be finished. Please return your "Sand for Seniors" bucket so we can reuse next year. You can drop it at the Town Hall. Need it picked up? Call 528-0182 x16"

### ECO-TIP

Excess lighting does NOT increase home security! Outdoors, motion sensors are smarter. Indoors, use timers.

### Water Department:

The Egremont Water Commissioners want to reassure our customers that the Egremont Water Department is monitored daily, along with bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly and annual independent lab testing for contaminants. The Egremont Water Department source is the Karner Brook watershed which is located off Mount Washington Road. Annual spring flushing will continue over the next two weeks. During the flushing you may experience a discoloration of the water in your home or business. We recommend running the tap for a few minutes, preferably from the tub spout, and it will clear up. The water is safe to drink.

Please let the Department know if you are going to be filling your pool! The recorder at the water plant shows an increase but we cannot tell if it is a leak or pool use or irrigation. A quick call will help us with our reporting to DEP. Thank you!

If you have any questions about the flushing program, or the water department in general, please contact the Egremont Water Department at 413-528-0182 extension 17.

### Bylaw Review Committee:

The Bylaw Review Committee has continued to meet via Zoom with our meetings posted on the town's website. Minutes of our past meetings are also posted on the town's website; a link to the minutes can be found next to our meeting announcements.

For those unfamiliar with the Bylaw Review Committee, our members were charged by the Egremont Selectboard to update the current general bylaws by simplifying their wording, by establishing consistency in terminology and grammar, by considering the role of technology, by checking their relevancy to current and possible future town operations and by correcting omissions with newly drafted bylaws.

To date the Committee, in following the above charge, has reviewed and prepared working drafts of general bylaws governing:

- Annual Town Meeting Schedule
- Special Town Meeting Schedule
- Warrant for Town Meeting
- Notice of Town Meetings
- Quorum
- Conduct of Meeting
- Elections
- Boards and Committees
- Employees
- Legal Affairs
- Waters and Waterways
- Recycling and Waste Disposal
- Energy and Environment
- Licenses and Permits
- Marijuana Sales Tax

The Committee projects it will complete the review of all 19 general bylaws within 2021 and, as a first step, present its proposals in their entirety to the Selectboard.

Mary McGurn, Chairwoman  
Chet Delaney, Vice Chairman  
Richard Slutzky, Secretary/Treasurer  
Richard Allen  
Stephen Goodman  
Eileen Vining

### Emergency Management:

During the COVID-19 situation, Emergency Management is monitoring current events along with ordering and supplying our first responders with proper PPE. The Town's website has an informational page



dealing with local, state and national updates so Egremont can have the best and latest information.

If any power outages occur in our area, it is imperative that they be reported via the National Grid Customer Service or Outage Reporting phone numbers. Please report any outages or downed wires via these phone numbers. Every outage phone call that National Grid receives is logged into their outage tracking system and better enables them to pinpoint the location of the issue. The sooner that they can identify the location of the issue, the better they can respond.

#### **Outage Reporting Phone Numbers:**

Customer Service: **1-800-322-3223** (can also be used for any other general questions)

Outage Reporting: **1-800-465-1212** (automated line for reporting power outages or downed wires)

Also, please call the Egremont Police Department so they are aware of possible downed power lines, etc. They may be reached at 413-528-2160.

If you would like to change or add your information into Egremont's Mass Alert System, please email or call us with the pertinent contact numbers and email addresses. If you have any questions about the alert system, please drop us an email or call us and we will be happy to answer them. Please email: [wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov)  
Or phone: 413 528-0182 ext 17

#### **ECO-TIP**

Too small to recycle: Items smaller than 2"x2", such as bottle caps, can jam recycling machines, which increases the cost of recycling. Bottle caps DO get recycled if screwed onto their bottles.

#### **Green Committee:**

Frustrated by vehicles idling for longer than 5 minutes, clouding our neighborhoods with exhaust? We know it's harmful to people and the environment but is there anything we can do about it?

The Egremont Green Committee recently contacted our Chief of Police Jason La Forest for information on what we can do.

First, know what the Massachusetts Anti-Idling Law states.

A vehicle cannot idle more than 5 minutes unless:

- 1) It is being serviced
- 2) It is being used to deliver or accept goods where engine-assisted power is necessary (such as a truck with refrigeration or a lift on the back)
- 3) The engine is being used to provide power to another device

Second, if you are bothered by a vehicle violating the anti-idling law, simply call the Egremont Police Department at 528-2160, informing the officer of:

- 1) The time of day and the number of minutes the vehicle has been idling
- 2) The location
- 3) A description of the vehicle

An officer will be dispatched as soon as possible to address the situation with the vehicle's driver.

Your choice to take action helps put Egremont one step closer to cleaner air!

The Green Committee's newly launched "Annual Rain Barrel Sale" was a huge success! Over 50 high quality barrels were sold at a 40% discount through Egremont's participation with The Great American Rain Barrel Company from Boston. You can still buy a rain barrel at full price on their website or wait until next year's annual sale to get the town discount. THANK YOU for helping conserve our planet's rainwater!

The Green Committee is looking for a few new volunteers who are passionate about the environment. And if you have social media and/or artistic skills, even better (but not necessary)! Many of our recent initiatives have been programs designed to keep plastics out of landfills, encourage "reduce, reuse & recycle" and water conservation. Our next goal is to expand our outreach via social media but we need your help! If interested, please email Green Committee co-chair Emily Eyre at [EmilyEyre@aol.com](mailto:EmilyEyre@aol.com)

#### **ECO-TIP**

Single-use dryer sheets are synthetic polyester (aka petroleum product, aka plastic) coated with perfumed animal fat. Use wool dryer balls instead.

#### **Fire Department:**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>call #</i>
<i>Location</i>		<i>Type of call</i>
12/29/2020	8:25 AM	197
Berkshire Heights Great Barrington Fire		

12/31/2020	4:07 AM	198
Main St.		Alarm False
12:31:2020		199
Hillsdale Rd.		Oil Spill
1/7/2021	4:29 AM	1
Undermountain Rd		Medical
1/7/2021	2:53 PM	2
Pinecrest Hill		Medical
1/10/2021	1:57 PM	3
Tyrell Rd.		Medical
1/13/2021	6:15 AM	4
Hewins St. Sheffield		Structure Fire
1/14/2021	6:32 AM	5
Jug End Rd.		Medical
1/14/2021	2:08 PM	6
Undermountain Rd.		Alarm/False
1/14/2021	2:21 PM	7
Partridge Rd.		Medical
1/15/2021	12:11 AM	8
Main St.		Medical
1/15/2021	2:38 AM	9
Whites Hill Rd. Hillsdale NY		Structure Fire
1/18/2021	5:50 AM	10
Jug End Rd.		Medical
1/19/2021	7:01 AM	11
Greenwood Circle		Medical
1/25/2021	7:54 AM	12
Baldwin Hill E/W		Smoke Alarm
1/31/2021	12:58 PM	13
12 Farm Ln.		Medical
2/3/2021	1:34 AM	14
Egremont Plain Rd.		Alarm/ False
2/3/2021	6:35 PM	15
Shun Toll		Alarm/False
2/6/2021	11:53 AM	16
Farm Ln.		Medical
2/6/2021	4:05 PM	17
Nicholson Rd.		Medical
2/8/2021	8:06 AM	18
Nicholson Rd.		Alarm/Smoke
2/15/2021	5:00 PM	19
Main St.		MVA
2/17/2021	2:45 PM	20
Rowe Rd.		Medical
2/22/2021	2:55 AM	21
Blunt Rd.		Smoke call/False
2/25/2021	9:28 PM	22
Hickory Hill Rd.		Alarm/false

2/26/2021	8:51 AM	23
Lakeside Dr.		Medical
3/3/2021	10:49 PM	24
Undermountain Rd.		Medical
3/4/2021	6:02 PM	25
Main St		Alarm/False
3/5/2021	10:58 PM	26
E. Stall Rd. Sheffield	Fire	Mutual Aid
3/7/2021	11:22 AM	27
Hills Dale Fire Station Standby		Mutual Aid
3/12/2021	10:53 PM	28
Copake NY	Brush Fire	Mutual Aid
3/13/2021	4:44 PM	29
Egremont Plain Rd		Medical
3/14/2021	4:34 PM	30
Button Ball Ln. & Sheffield Rd.	MVA	
3/14/2021	10:19 PM	31
West St. Mt. Washington		Alarm/False
3/17/2021	11:04 PM	32
Shuntoll Rd.		Alarm/False
3/20/2021	3:42 PM	33
Warner Rd.		Brush Fire
3/23/2021	12:31 PM	34
Creamery Rd		Medical Alarm

Burning season ends May 1, 2021.

Please make sure your 911 numbers are clearly visible from both directions of travel.

The Department is desperately seeking members. Contact Fire Chief Joe Schneider, [efdchief@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:efdchief@egremont-ma.gov) if interested.

### Ice-pect Lake:

It has brought back memories. In the small midwestern town in which this writer grew up, winter was defined by snow, at least to my childhood mind. That is to say, the snow started around Thanksgiving and continued intermittently until Easter. This, of course, is an over-simplification. Sometimes the start date was early enough to interfere with Halloween's trick-or-treating, and the end date was definitely indefinite because Easter is a moveable feast. Nonetheless, winter then and there meant frequent snowfalls over several months.

This year here in the Berkshires, winter has followed that pattern. Snow has been with us for a goodly while. That has meant that Prospect Lake has been a sheet of ice for that while. Happily, it has been enjoyed accordingly.

There have been ice fishers\* galore – augers buzzing, pop-ups bobbing, an occasional warming shed or tent, catches held high in triumph. One morning there were at least a dozen people out on the lake tending fishing holes.



Interestingly enough, birds often show up when the fishing is done for the day. The birds – sometimes rare eagles, sometimes just plain old crows – feast on what the fishers leave behind on the ice after they've cleaned their catches.

A trio of snowshoed hikers\* went clomping by the other day. It looked like a father and a couple of kids, tramping along, leaving tennis-racket sized footprints.

Cross-country skiers\* make an occasional appearance as well, slip-sliding to leave long, skinny tracks.



Skaters\* show up now and again, first shoveling a clear space to enjoy. Sometimes with hockey sticks, sometimes just racing or twirling along.

Prospect Lake, frozen or otherwise, remains a source of all sorts of enjoyment and usefulness to all sorts of animals – four-legged and two.\* Keeping the lake free of weeds is the mission of FOPL (the Friends of Prospect Lake.) During the

frozen winter months, weeds are not an issue, so the Friends put this frozen time to good use by consulting with the professional limnologists they have hired to stay up to date on dealing with lake weeds, determine how best and realistically to manage them, and concrete plans for doing so once spring arrives and the ice melts.



Curiosity and questions about these efforts are always welcome from all sources, FOPL's annual membership drive is another springtime event, and the group holds a public meeting in mid-July to discuss plans and elect officers. Interested parties and ideas are welcome any time. Contact Joyce Frater, FOPL's current president, at 528-2198 or visit [info@prospectlake.org](mailto:info@prospectlake.org).

\*NOTE – accessing the frozen surface of Prospect Lake was done at the individual's sole responsibility.

#### ECO-TIP

Medications: Dispose of unused prescription meds (including pet meds) at your local Police Dept in the slot provided in the lobby. No sign-in needed. Bag the pills and then take the small pill bottles to the designated box at the Egremont Town Hall drop-off area. They will be reused (<https://m25m.org/pillbottles/>).

#### Meeting Schedule:

*Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings on the Town's web page at [www.egremont-ma.gov](http://www.egremont-ma.gov) at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.*

*(During the COVID19 Pandemic meetings are taking place via Zoom. Please check the town's web page, [www.egremont-ma.gov](http://www.egremont-ma.gov), for meeting postings.)*

*Historical Commission - first Wednesday at 4pm*

*Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon &*

*Council on Aging - Meetings as posted.*

*Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall Thursday 9am to 12noon.*

*Board of Health - Monday–Thursday 7am to 12noon.*

*Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am*

*Selectboard - Generally meetings every other Tuesday*

10am. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.  
 Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment  
 Cemetery Commission - first Friday of every month at 8am.  
 Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 5:30pm  
 Finance Committee - January through April. Other times as needed.  
 Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474  
 Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting dates.  
 School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library  
 Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm  
 Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm or by appointment  
 Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm  
 Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall  
 Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed  
 To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

### **Business listings:**

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses:

Prospect Lake Park and Campground - camping, swimming

413-528-4158 [prospectlk@aol.com](mailto:prospectlk@aol.com)

[www.prospectlakepark.com](http://www.prospectlakepark.com)

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

[www.innsweetwater.com](http://www.innsweetwater.com)

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant  
 413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant- Restaurant & Lodging

413-528-6200

[www.swisshutte.com](http://www.swisshutte.com)

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

[robinschaircaning@gmail.com](mailto:robinschaircaning@gmail.com)

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing

413-528-3230

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.

413-528-0112

[www.41mainantiques.com](http://www.41mainantiques.com)

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Lessons, summer programs

[www.bluerider.org](http://www.bluerider.org)

413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -

Horse Boarding, lessons, judging, farm programs

413-528-2367 [arabpinto13@yahoo.com](mailto:arabpinto13@yahoo.com)

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets

413-528-8301

[www.indianlinefarm.com](http://www.indianlinefarm.com)

Ivory Pond Farm -

Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.

Tom & Liz Marino

413-528-9465

[www.lizmarinorughooking.com](http://www.lizmarinorughooking.com)

[Llamama@wildblue.net](mailto:Llamama@wildblue.net)



*Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,  
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.  
Syrup and Honey  
413-528-5710*

*Skip DelVaglio -- Old Drone Apiary at Frog Cottage  
(Local Honey)  
1257 Sheffield -- Egremont Road  
413 528-2308*

*Frog Cottage Goodies: Phyllis & Cynthia  
Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, fruitcakes, cheesecakes  
1257 Sheffield/Egremont Road  
Great Barrington MA 01230  
413-528-2308*

*Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork  
413-717-0507  
[www.CosmicResonance.com](http://www.CosmicResonance.com)*

*Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor  
44 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-9654  
[healingspiritdc@yahoo.com](mailto:healingspiritdc@yahoo.com)*

*Zorn Core Fitness -  
Personal, Couples & Group Training  
Cardio Room - \$25 @ month Free 1 month cardio  
for Egremont residents [zornari@gmail.com](mailto:zornari@gmail.com)  
46 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-1594 [www.zorncorefitness.com](http://www.zorncorefitness.com)  
Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe  
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga  
46 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-0828  
[kbyoga@gmail.com](mailto:kbyoga@gmail.com)*

*Amelia's Holistic Facial Rejuvenation  
Combined with Reiki Level II and Cranial  
Sacral Release  
A licensed Aesthetician.  
"Look and feel as though you just enjoyed a  
two-week vacation...without the jet lag.  
518.320.8314  
[AmeliasHolisticFacials@gmail.com](mailto:AmeliasHolisticFacials@gmail.com)*

*Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,  
liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more  
413-528-4796*

*Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating  
413-528-9633*

*Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail  
wood veneer sales  
413-644-9696*

*Steve Agar - driving services  
Ride to the airport, train, etc  
413-854-7269*

*Lord St. Pierre - General Contractor  
Home renovations, maintenance and monitoring  
413-522-3671  
[llstpierre@yahoo.com](mailto:llstpierre@yahoo.com)*

*"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services  
Jack Buckley  
413-528-1982  
413-446-1982*

*James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking Field  
Mowing  
413-528-0102 413-717-2443*

*Bonnie Wells: general housekeeping, maintenance to  
construction clean-up, ironing, polishing, organizing,  
window washing with free screen cleaning.  
413-854-7417 [bonbonz75@yahoo.com](mailto:bonbonz75@yahoo.com)*

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*More Memories of the Old Egremont Store  
By Stanley Gracyk*

*AAH, the good old days when the hub of North  
Egremont centered around the Old Egremont Store.  
Where Joe Elliott, local store owner and historian could  
fill you in on the latest happenings, whether it was about  
local politics, which roads were closed or being worked  
on, best fishing holes, or how much prices had gone up  
on certain grocery items delivered by Butler Wholesale  
Grocers, Crescent Creamery, or Canada Dry sodas.*

*If it was on a Monday you might hear about his  
“water witching”, that is water dowsing, where you use  
whale bone or hickory divining rods to search for  
underground veins of water, how many gallons per  
minute, so that well drillers would know where to drill.  
It might also include his local history meetings to talk  
about long forgotten peoples, or land surveying which  
was done by pace walking and markings by stone walls  
and huge trees.*

*The Old Egremont Store back in the 60’s and 70’s  
had a way of procuring nicknames for a lot of the locals  
by their mannerisms. Individuals such as Pete “Soup”  
Campbell, Brian “Sniff” Elliott, Colonel Harp  
“Children’s Ball Keeper, Chet “The Turtleman”  
Bennett, who would make lamps out of turtle shells and  
then sell them at the local dump which he tended  
too. Then there was Art “The Indian Teepee Man”, Fred  
“Tut Tut” Turner, Fred “Old Grumpy” Haines, Frankie  
“The Italian Stallion” Santoni, Eric “The Antiquer”  
Lifvergren, and Steve Kesten “The Taking of Pelham  
1,2,3” movie producer. All of these names were given  
in loving fun and were by no means meant to offend  
anyone.*

*Life in North Egremont was so much simpler 50 years  
ago, when a man’s handshake was his word and did not  
have to be followed up by a handful of money. If  
someone’s house or barn burnt to the ground, there  
were always kindly neighbors who were there to help  
them rebuild. When it was time to go to the field and  
collect hay bales for John Fratalone, many of the locals  
would gladly show up and load the wagons, drive them  
to the hay mow and unload them with a pennies  
payment. During the winter time when the snow was  
deep and horses or cattle needed hay, then neighbors  
like the Choquette’s, Gleason’s, or Merola’s were able  
to go to his farm “Indian Meadows” and get hay for  
their animals for helping bring in the hay earlier. Also if*

*you were in need of freshly smoked meat, John Fratalone's smokehouse always had some ready along with Mary Louise's fresh eggs.*

*If a stranger came into town looking for someone in particular, anyone working at the Old Egremont Store would be able to point them in the right direction. North Egremont was known as a laid back community where nearly everyone knew everyone, and there were very little pressures as there are today. At 6 P.M. the streets were pretty much rolled up except for Elm Court Inn which was the only place in town still open. Everyone was at peace with the world. Sunday's were a day for worship, visiting with friends and family, with all store being closed due to the Sunday Blue Laws.*

*As a disclaimer to these stories I write about, I do not want to upset or offend anyone with the nicknames or memories as I fondly remember them, as those were some of the best days of my teenage life. At age 65, I may not recall all details in their entirety, but as I search my mind I am sure these stories will give all of you at least one fond memory!*



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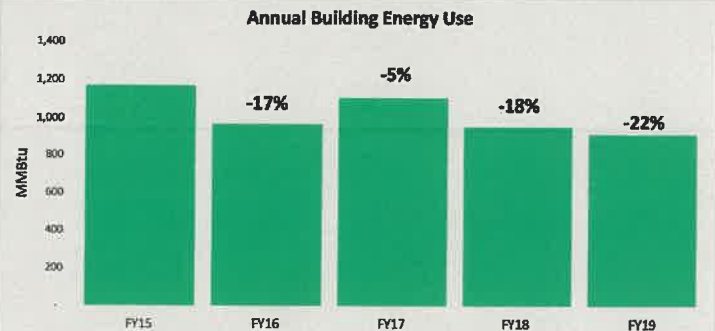
*Leading by Example Awards annually recognize outstanding clean energy and environmental efforts among Commonwealth agencies, public institutes of higher education, municipalities, and individuals.*



### TOWN OF EGREMONT



The Town of Egremont, designated a Green Community in 2016, has made tremendous progress in reducing the environmental impact of municipal operations, procuring clean electricity, and engaging residents to reduce waste and support solar PV development.



Since 2015, Egremont's municipal building energy consumption has fallen by 22%, saving the town over \$1,000 per year in energy costs. The town also adopted the goals of the Paris Climate Accord, committing to "protect the planet from harmful climate change."



### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Recently completed energy efficiency projects include installing LED lighting at a fire house, replacing inefficient furnaces with highly efficient models, enhancing insulation, and adopting innovative solutions such as automatic pump controls for the Water Department.

### CLEAN ENERGY

Egremont recently signed a 20-year contract to procure 24% of the town's electricity from renewable sources. In addition, three solar arrays in town produce over 40% of total municipal facility demand.



### WASTE REDUCTION

Municipal solid waste has fallen nearly 25% since 2012 thanks in part to the town's commitment to using only compostable serving ware at town functions, promoting waste reduction in local news, and offering community composting and waste diversion opportunities for office equipment, textiles, and more.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The town's Sustainability Coordinator and Green Committee inform and engage the town's 1,225 residents through monthly news articles, maintaining a newly formed community garden, and promoting Solarize Mass, which has led to over 100 solar panels being installed.

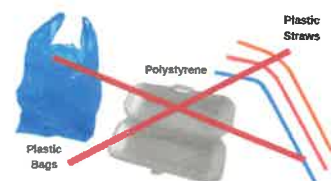


#### ENVIRONMENT

#### Egremont Green News: Neighbors join plastic-reduction challenge

Instead of over-eating or over-drinking or over-spending, this healthy living campaign targeted the over-abundance of plastic.

BY EGREMONT GREEN COMMITTEE  
POSTED ON NOVEMBER 23, 2019



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